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AOSHS Office to Open Soon

The board of directors has signed a lease for an AOSHS office in Wichita, KS as of May 1, 2004. By the time you read this, the office will have been painted, furniture moved in, telephone and computer lines established, and shelves set up for working and display. The next step is to staff the office, establish procedures, and set up a schedule, all easier said than done. The board has approved the hiring of a part-time archive associate, and local volunteers will be recruited to help.

When other office staff is hired, they will have a variety of duties. They will eventually take over some of the data entry work currently done in other locations such as the archive registration, the memorial program, and the new memories site (story on p.6). They will send receipts for memorabilia donated, oversee the categorizing and recording of memorabilia, and work with volunteers.

We lost the services of the part-time archivist last fall due to his ongoing education commitment; and then, of course, we put all materials in storage to vacate the buildings the city of Wichita had allowed us to use for the past five years. The boxes of memorabilia in storage are continually being sorted and arranged for processing purposes. They will gradually be brought to the office in controlled batches to be opened so the contents can be categorized, recorded, and put in proper boxes for storage until the archive building is constructed. Selected items will be put on display in the office, as space allows, as an example of the kinds of memorabilia donated.

We have had many members volunteer to spend a week in Wichita to work with the memorabilia. We have had to say no, as there was no room to work, and no one to explain the process, provide materials, and work with the volunteers. Once we have

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Board members Les Burch, Scarlett Rehrig, Margaret Palmer and Ann Bamberger with the sign identifying the new AOSHS office.

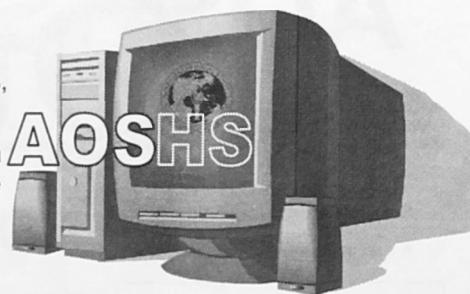
About the Historical Society Databases

AOSHS has three separate personnel databases listing educators, administrators and students.

Educators: The second attachment in each *Quarterly* is an Archive Registration Form. Since this is a new form, please complete and submit it even if you have previously done so.

Students: A new Alumni Archive Registration Form will be available in every other issue of the *Quarterly* beginning in August.

Deceased: All readers are encouraged to notify AOSHS of those deceased by writing to AOSHS Archives, P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS, 67201-1500, or via e-mail to: archives@aoshhs.org



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<i>Registration Info:</i>	AOSHS c/o Carolyn Wilber, 9291 E. Windrose, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

~~ President's Corner ~~

By Ann Bamberger

If you have membership renewal due, the first thing you will note is that there is no longer an envelope enclosed to send in your dues. Because we receive a special rate at the post office as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, all of our bulk mailings must have the same enclosures and be identical in weight. It was noted in the February mailing that there was a discrepancy, so we must choose: envelopes in all, or none. Hence, there are no longer return address envelopes. I trust this will not deter you from sitting down immediately to make out your check, completing your renewal form (the first attachment), and sending it to P.O. Box 15861, Surfside Beach, SC 29587.

The goal of AOSHS is to preserve the history and memorabilia of our American schools abroad. The board also decided that we should be concerned about preserving the history of AOSHS. Former board members Lee Davis and Bruce Taft are preparing AOSHS history albums which will include detailing the charter members, life members, board members in various years, and recipients of awards, etc. These albums will be available for viewing at the reunion in St. Louis.

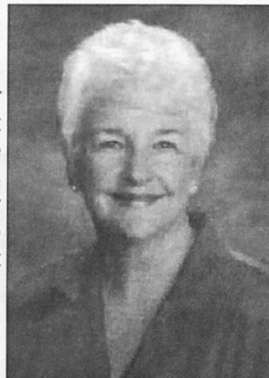
I encourage each of you to look at the new "Memories" link on our website. The stories are wonderful, and when you read of the conditions the early teachers and students endured, you cannot help but admire their commitment and perseverance. The stories range from one to thirty-nine pages, and vary from the very general to the very specific. The important thing is that they relate the history of the schools abroad through a personal view of the times. We hope they will encourage you to sit down and put pen to paper, or fingers to the key board, and share your stories with your friends, colleagues and the public in general. Stories can be e-mailed to: mpalmer@aoshs.org or mailed to: AOSHS Memories, P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS 67201-1500.

We had several positive comments about our growth in assets over the past year. There are four primary reasons for this growth: 1) dues, on the whole, are being paid on time; 2) many people have joined as life members providing an infusion of operating funds; 3) the board has been prudent in making investments; and 4) the board has continued the policy of reimbursing volunteers only for office expenses such as stationery, printing costs, paper, printer cartridges, envelopes, stamps, and equipment. All board members travel at their own expense.

We will be working very hard to staff the Wichita office and begin providing some services from that site in the months ahead. An update on this will be provided at the reunion in St. Louis, where the AOSHS General Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, July 9, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. See you there...Ann

To accomplish great things we must not only act but also dream. Not only plan but also believe.

—Anatole France



BOARD U L L E T I N S

- Lease signed for AOSHS office
- Funding proposal presented to congressional legislators
- Meeting at DoDEA to further AOSHS presence abroad
- Letter sent to retiring educators
- Memories link added to AOSHS website
- AOSHS history albums initiated

Royalty Provides a Memorable Moment

By Betty Brown Herakakis

On June 25, 1966, in Oslo, Norway, The International Summer School began a six-week "gift" of universal awareness offered to students, mainly from North America, at Oslo University. Subjects included Norwegian language and culture, politics, economics, geography, and history. The heterogeneity of this group has made a lasting impression, both in Norway and on the alumni themselves.

On the first Wednesday of the term, Norway's King Olav V gave a reception at Oscarshall, the summer palace, for the entire summer school of 450 students. It was there that I met his son, Crown Prince Harald. I invited him to visit the Oslo American School where I was teaching 6th grade. We planned to have a panel discussion conducted by my students. He asked me to make arrangements with his aide-de-camp, and it was agreed to be held in October that same year.

In the fall, when I informed my principal of these events, he was frantic. I arranged everything with the assistance of the school secretary, Astrid Stabell. It turned out the event was so noteworthy, they decided to include the entire school. Invitations had to be extended to the American ambassador as well as other community leaders. The school had to be cleared for security, and Crown Prince Harald and his aide had to be seated

in the aisle, not in the regular seats. The Crown Prince, the six panel members, and I were seated on the stage during the program. A reception was hosted in the library following the discussion. All in all, it was a huge success.

The questions my students and I listed had to be submitted to the aide for clearance. One that I remember was, "Will you marry Sonia, the businessman's daughter?" The aide would not let us ask this question and said he would resign if the Crown Prince married a commoner. He eventually did resign, because Harald did marry her!

King Olav died in 1991, and the Crown Prince became King Harald V. I sent condolences and received acknowledgement from the palace. King Harald also wrote to me another time here in Crete. I have pictures of the school visit, copies of the correspondence, and the 20th Jubilee Yearbook. It was a memorable time in a memorable place.

(Editor's note: Betty taught or supervised in the dormitory at five locations in England, three in Germany, plus Bahrain, Norway, Scotland, Crete and Korea. She now resides with her husband in Heraklion, Crete.)

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trained on-site staff, we will establish a procedure for those who would like to volunteer time in Wichita. Your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

The address and telephone number will be provided when staff is available to take calls, respond to messages, and greet visitors.

We are progressing prudently, ensuring we can meet our financial obligations. For the office to function efficiently requires operating funds, and the prime source of these funds is membership. We will also seek operating fund grants, but these are usually a one-time infusion of money for a specific purpose. It is the consistent growth of membership that is important in the year-to-year operation of the organization. Increasing membership will continue as a primary goal in the coming year. Donations to the operating fund are always appreciated.

Archive Registration Update

As of May 1, 2004, we have over 1,800 educator entries. Many of you have responded to our inquiries stating that you have filled out these forms before. Yes, you have...and we even have most of them. However, many of you completed these forms while you were still teaching overseas and we need to update your data. Also, we're asking for more kinds of information and many previous forms were incomplete: sometimes we only need one or two pieces of data. So please bear with us while we try to gather all the information we need.

We are also trying to locate more people. If you have addresses of former and current educators that you're willing to share with us, please mail them to:

AOSHS Archive Registration
c/o Carolyn Wilber
9291 E. Windrose Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

or via e-mail to: clwilber@juno.com

There is a possibility that in the future you will be able to access the information in this data base. That way you can let us know if there is information missing or incorrect.

FUNDRAISING 2004 UPDATE

By Tom Drysdale

Starting in January 2004, we began working with the Wichita City Council, Wichita State University, and our architects Schaefer, Johnson, Cox and Frey, on a proposal to request funds from the Department of Defense to construct a DoD Dependents Schools National Museum and Archive in Wichita, Kansas. The first sentence in the proposal reads:

The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, City of Wichita and Wichita State University, are partnering to request congressional funding of a Department of Defense Dependents Schools National Museum and Archive in the Museums on the River District in Wichita, Kansas.

On March 8, four members of the Wichita City Council met in the US Capitol with staffs of the Wichita Congressional Delegation, and delivered copies of the proposal to them. The council consists of US Senators Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts, and Fourth District Kansas US Congressman Todd Tiahrt. Wichita is in the Fourth District of Kansas.

On March 9 and 10, AOSHS President Ann Bamberger, Board Member Jan Mohr, and I delivered and discussed the proposal with the Legislative Assistants of Senators Brownback and Roberts in Washington, D.C. They both stressed that this is a difficult time for Congress—we all know why. Senator Brownback's assistant stated that he could not promise anything, but because we have such an excellent project, he and the senator will do all they can.

On March 11, the three of us met Congressman Tiahrt in his office with his Legislative Assistant Brad Ayers. He was well aware of and supportive of our project, and thumbed through every page of the proposal asking questions. He also stated that this is

going to be a tough budget year, but will do his best to get it funded, if not this year, then later.

Since then we have been in contact with Mr. Ayers, to determine when it will be appropriate for AOSHS to solicit the help of the 170 or so congressmen and senators who have served in the military. He later informed us that Congressman Tiahrt was very pleased to know that we will be requesting the support of other senators and congressmen. Therefore, in the near future, we will provide information to our members and request that they write to their representatives and senators, and also to those with military backgrounds.

Dr. Eugene M. Hughes, President Emeritus of both Northern Arizona and Wichita State Universities, has recently obtained the strong support of Arizona Congressman Rick Renzi, a Northern Arizona University graduate. As a result, Renzi is now working with Tiahrt in support of the proposal. He is a US Army Brat, and attended DoD Dependents Schools both in this country and abroad. His father is a retired Major General. On April 6, I met with Congressman Renzi and gave him an updated copy of the proposal. He is proud to be one of us, and repeatedly told me that he has a mission to get our project funded.

We have other irons in the fire with politicians at federal and state levels, and will keep members posted.

The following is information on why we are first attempting to obtain funds from Congress:

The American Overseas Schools Archive (AOSA), consists of three separate archives or components—(1) DoD Dependents Schools; (2) State Department Assisted International Schools; and (3) Private International Schools not assisted by the State Department.

Subsequent to establishing the archive at Northern Arizona University in November 1989, the DoDDS component expanded rapidly and filled all available space in three years. This unanticipated fast expansion

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Memories

Fresh From the Internet

By Margaret Palmer

Published on our website (www.aoshs.org) and ready for your enjoyment are the memories written by members about the first decade (more years to come later) of DoDDS schools overseas.

The US Government used an entirely new approach in post-war history by sending families abroad after World War II, advancing American ideals and democracy, not merely deploying occupation forces. The memories of the participants in this unique situation are truly priceless. They currently span almost six decades of American history.


This unwritten chapter in the history of American education represents the schooling of several generations under circumstances unique to human history. During and following the Cold War, Department of Defense school teachers, administrators, students and their families have lived around the world on the "cutting edge" of history in the making—the Berlin Wall going up and coming down, the DMZ in Korea, the Six-day War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Persian Gulf War, the Liberation of Panama, the bombing of American embassies in Africa, and now the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, to mention only a few.

Several years ago AOSHS started collecting memories from the "Early Years" educators.

This expanded into collecting those from later year participants and included memories from students. Now AOSHS intends to collect memories on an ongoing basis from anyone from any decade that was part of this endeavor.

Initially, it was envisioned that there would be a book published containing the memories of the "Early Years" educators. That has now expanded into incorporating them, as well as additional memories that are collected, into the AOSHS Internet website. Future enhancements to the website will allow for the printing of books on an individual basis. The Memories link on our website is a wonderful step forward to making this information available not only to those of us who contributed a memory, but to those who are interested in researching this period of history.

Hopefully, after reading some of these stories, you will want to contribute your own memory. All memories are important — from those that describe what it was like to be involved in the development of the schools, to those of a young girl involved in living a "typical" life as a teenager abroad.



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identified the need for a non-profit organization to acquire and move the archive to a larger facility so it could continue to grow.

As a consequence, the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) was incorporated in Arizona in 1995. Following classification of the society as a public supported IRS nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation in 1996, Northern Arizona University gave the archive to the society. In 1999, the archive was moved to Wichita, and the society was incorporated in Kansas in 2002.

From inception, the DoDDS Archive Component grew exponentially, and the society membership is now comprised of 96% current and past DoDDS educators and alumni. Therefore, as explained in the previous issue, our attempt to raise funds should obviously be focused on the federal government. In the future, we will also request funds from private and public foundations, and individuals.

## DoD Schools in the Atlantic/Caribbean Area

By Les Burch

In the winter *Quarterly*, I provided a listing of DoD schools that were located in North Africa. In this issue, I am listing schools from Atlantic and Caribbean locations. I encourage readers to contact me with information on schools that I have omitted, or if corrections to the list below need to be made. I enjoyed receiving mail from readers after they had read the last *Quarterly*. I received two e-mails from Sharon Ray Renno, class of '58, from Nelson C. Brown HS, Nouasseur, Morocco, and Marie Espinoza, who taught at Nouasseur Air Base. Both provided information about Nelson C. Brown and the naming of the schools. Sharon also wrote that there was a dormitory facility for students who came from locations without a high school. Thanks to all of you who have sent us information that is helping to complete this ongoing project. Contact me at: [Carlesburch@aol.com](mailto:Carlesburch@aol.com)

### ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Chafee, Grisson, White Dependent School

### BAHAMAS

Chester Nimitz ES, Eleuthera

### BERMUDA

Roger B. Chafee ES

Roger B. Chafee HS

### CANADA

Arthur L. Bristol ES, Argentia, Newfoundland

Arthur L. Bristol HS, Argentia, Newfoundland

Goose Bay ES, Labrador

Goose Bay HS, Labrador

Ernest Harmon ES, Stephenville, Newfoundland

Ernest Harmon HS, Stephenville, Newfoundland

St. John's ES, Newfoundland

St. John's HS, Newfoundland

### CUBA

William T. Sampson ES, Guantanamo Bay

William T. Sampson HS, Guantanamo Bay

### PUERTO RICO

Antilles ES, Fort Buchanan

Antilles IS, Fort Buchanan

Antilles MS, Fort Buchanan

Antilles HS, Fort Buchanan

Ponce ES

Ramey ES

Ramey HS

Roosevelt Roads ES

Roosevelt Roads HS

### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Trinidad ES



### Nellingen JHS Alums Looking for Others

By Brenda Daucette Branson

Nellingen and Kelley Barracks classmates from 1960 – 64 have established a website for reconnecting with alumni and teachers of Nellingen Junior HS. Alumni have posted photos and are eagerly sharing memories from a wonderful time in our lives. We are always looking for more classmates from the early '60's and are very interested in having our Nellingen teachers make contact with us. The website address is: <http://groups.msn.com/NellingenKelleyClassmates> and we would appreciate hearing from anyone who may help us locate alumni or faculty. You can contact Brenda Branson at: [onceandagain@hotmail.com](mailto:onceandagain@hotmail.com) or Marsha Christian Crabtree at: [ronic@bellsouth.net](mailto:ronic@bellsouth.net)



## ~~~ K-Town Celebrates 50th Anniversary ~~~

Compiled by Jeri Glass

Kaiserslautern American High School began its history in a converted apartment building back in 1953. It was originally known as Rhine High. From 1953-1958 one hundred and fifty-eight students were housed in dormitories. Students came from all over Europe wherever their parents were serving because they had no opportunity to attend school elsewhere. During the 1960's the dorms disappeared and the school was renamed for the host city, Kaiserslautern. It has been known as "K-Town High" ever since.

This past October, approximately 200 alumni returned to their old stomping grounds one more time. Among the 200 who returned, all five decades were represented, as well as one from the original class of '53. The group was given the opportunity to tour the area of Kaiserslautern, a Rhine River Cruise, the bases, base housing and a few old haunts downtown. They were also treated to a very special pep rally. The High School cheerleaders took to the floor and had no problem pumping them up! This years' football captains also sang the school fight song for the crowd on hand, *not well, but loud!* Alumni were given school hats, scarves, t-shirts, pins etc., for answering questions about K-Town or for any variety of reasons (*...we weren't easy on them!*). Afterwards, they all walked to the football field for the Homecoming game. Two former football captains, both from the 50's, took care of the coin toss. (*It was a real treat for them. They loved it*). The two oldest rode in the halftime parade. All were very enthusiastic and enjoyed a beautiful fall evening.

Of course our rival on this night was Ramstein. In the 70's, K-Town boasted one of the larger schools in DoDDS with a population over 1500. In 1982, however, the school split, and half went to the new school on Ramstein. Now, as it turns out, Ramstein is the biggest high school in DoDDS. We were guaranteed that many alumni would leave the game happy, as many had lived on that base when they attended K-Town. Sure enough, Ramstein got the better of us on this evening. It was a wonderful sight however, to see the packed crowd, cheering madly, wearing letter jackets that were a bit faded—and in some cases, a bit snug—but all enjoying a great time at K-Town one more time.

—Scott Davis, Athletic Director, K-Town High

## Planned Giving — Leaving a Legacy

Overseas relationships are as strong as blood relationships for many AOSHS members. Adventure, service, experiences, camaraderie, and memories are but a few of the intangibles, which describe the overseas life. Many people recognize this and some have included AOSHS in their estate planning in various ways. A sampling of these are listed below for your information and consideration:

- 1) Prepare or amend your will or living trust to provide a bequest to AOSHS. This can be a flat amount, a percentage of your estate, specific assets, or the residue of the estate.
- 2) Change a portion of the beneficiary designations of your retirement plans and tax deferred annuities to AOSHS. This is easy to do, and you don't need to amend your will or living trust.
- 3) Give an unneeded life insurance policy, or purchase a new one, naming AOSHS as the beneficiary. Depending on how you structure it, you might also get a charitable income tax deduction.
- 4) Consider giving appreciated assets to AOSHS while you are living. You can get a tax deduction and avoid capital gains.
- 5) Remember a loved one with a memorial gift.

Planned Giving is a sensible way for individuals who want to make charitable gifts during their lifetime, or in their will or living trust, do so prudently and with maximum benefit to both the charity and themselves. The type of gift that is best for you will depend on your personal circumstances. We encourage you to include AOSHS as one of your chosen charitable beneficiaries. **Plan today to create a legacy for tomorrow.**

## Reunion News

**Nellingen Junior High School:** June 3 – 6, 2004 in Fayetteville, NC. For students and faculty from 1960-64. The Holiday Inn I-95, \$73 per room per night. For reservations call 1-910-323-1600 and say you are with the NKC reunion. For more information contact Brenda Daucette Branson at 1-800-542-3789 ext. 6924.

**Wagner H.S. Reunion 2004:** June 24 – 27, 2004 in Portland, OR. For students and faculty from all years. Marriott Hotel, \$79 per room per night. For reservations call 1-800-228-9290 and say you are with the Wagner H.S. group. Registration fee: \$125 can be paid on-line at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) via credit card at paypal website. Send funds to [Mtd1010@aol.com](mailto:Mtd1010@aol.com)

**DoDDS XVI:** July 8-11, 2004 in St. Louis, MO. The St. Louis Marriott Pavilion Hotel, \$89 per room per night, single or double. This rate is good from July 6-13. For reservations call 1-800-228-9290 and say you are with the DoDDS overseas educators group. Registration fees: Mar. 1 – June 30 = \$90, July 1 – at the door = \$95. E-mail contact for a registration form: [doddsreunion@cox-internet.com](mailto:doddsreunion@cox-internet.com)

**Overseas Brats Homecoming 2004:** For Alumni & Educators, July 22-25, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, GA (1-800-233-1234). Special rate of \$99 per night for single to quad occupancy. Contact: Overseas Brats for registration information and costs at Overseas Brats, P.O. Box 47112, Wichita, KS 67201 or via e-mail: [JoeOSBPRES@aol.com](mailto:JoeOSBPRES@aol.com)

**DoDDS Florida Reunion Cruise:** Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2004. Depart on the Sovereign of the Sea at 4 PM Friday from Port Canaveral and return Monday in the AM, with stops in the Bahamas and Coco Cay. Cabin prices range from \$277.75 to \$307.75 depending on location (2 persons to a cabin). Contact: Marilyn Potter at 7781 Granville Dr., Tamarac, FL 33321 or via e-mail at: [pott9055@bellsouth.net](mailto:pott9055@bellsouth.net) Questions? Phone (954) 722-7405

**Johnson High School mini-reunion:** Oct. 22-24, 2004. Myrtle Beach, SC. Info on hotels and reunion can be found at: [www.kblaw.com/jhs](http://www.kblaw.com/jhs). Please check the website, make hotel reservations at the Bay Watch, and send registration fee to Cheryl Holowacz. Direct questions to: Cheryl Spence Holowacz: 843-903-2991 or Kay Boudreaux Weaver ('63): 352-343-5283.

**The J.M. Wainwright Alumni Assoc. Reunion** July 15 - 18, Doubletree Hotel New Orleans, 300 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130 1-800-297 0144 Registration: Joy Bryant 4233 Highland Dr. Denison, TX 75020 E-mail: [Overseabrat@aol.com](mailto:Overseabrat@aol.com) or [deBeau13@aol.com](mailto:deBeau13@aol.com)

**Shutz Grand Reunion** July 15 – 18 Download a registration form and we will see you in Colorado: [www.schutzalumni.org](http://www.schutzalumni.org)

## RETIREE ID CARDS – Contact Correction

We must correct the contact number we provided in the February *Quarterly*. Most of the numbers at DoDEA Headquarters changed last fall, and we only received the update in March. You may contact Daniel White in the Personnel Center at (703) 588-3856 to request the forms for the Civilian Retiree ID Card.

We apologize for the frustration this may have caused many of you attempting to call the inactive number. Again, we remind you that having one of these ID cards is not a guarantee that you will be granted access or benefits at a specific base.

## Position on Board of Directors

One position is available on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the board, please understand that this is not a position in which one attends a meeting, votes on issues and waits for someone to perform the service. This is a working board; if you vote for something, you may be the one delegated to accomplish the task. AOSHS has no paid employees at this time. Everything accomplished to date is the result of thousands of hours of volunteered time. Board meetings are usually held on a Friday. Directors unable to attend in person may participate via teleconferencing. The term of office is three years, to begin on Sept. 1, 2004, and end on August 31, 2007. Those interested should send a brief letter detailing their interest and listing areas of expertise that would be beneficial to AOSHS. Please also include the location of your school(s) abroad.

Letters of application should be received NLT June 20, 2004, and may be e-mailed to: [OverseasSchools@aoshs.org](mailto:OverseasSchools@aoshs.org) or mailed to: **AOSHS, P.O. Box 4133, Scottsdale, AZ 85261**

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# **MEMORIAL FUNDS**

## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Margaret E. Jillson**  
**1923-2004**

Margaret Elinor Jillson, fondly known as "Jill" by her many friends and colleagues, was born in Ithaca, New York, on June 11, 1923. She was a Naval Officer in World War II and a highly respected teacher with DoDDS for 34 years.

Jill began her DoDDS career in Japan in 1958 and then transferred to Spangdalem, Germany where she taught from 1958 until 1960. Her later transfers took her to Evreux, France, from 1960 – 1964, Upper Heyford, England, 1964 – 1968, Aviano, Italy, 1968 – 1985, and finally to Bahrain 1985 – 1990. She retired from Bahrain on November 17, 1990. Jill's career spanned the Elementary grades and the Gifted and Talented educational fields. She touched and enriched her friends, students, and colleagues with her sharp wit and delightful laughter. Jill was a credit to her profession and is mourned not only by her DoDDS friends but also by the many foreign friends and colleagues she associated with in her overseas assignments. She was a true ambassador of American education in a foreign country. Each assignment was an opportunity for Jill to become immersed in the local culture.

She retired to Sarasota, Florida, and immediately became active in social and civic groups. A "Celebration of Life", sponsored by her local and DoDDS friends, was held and a scholarship fund in her name has been established by the Sarasota School Board Community Foundation for Elementary Education teachers.

## **SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Dr. Joseph A. Mason**  
**1914 – 1979**

Dr. Joseph A. Mason, known as "Doc" throughout DoDDS, was Superintendent of Schools in Skokie, Illinois, when selected as Director of 7135th School Group, USAFE Hdqs., Wiesbaden, Germany in July 1956. School Group was responsible for AF Dependents Schools, K-12, in Europe, Scandinavia, and the Middle East. After a break in Uganda, 1963-65, as Chief Education Advisor to AID, Doc returned to Europe as Director of USDESEA, responsible for Army, Navy, and Air Force Dependents Schools in Europe and surrounding countries, a position he held until his death in March 1979. Doc believed in the right of each school to develop its own personality based on its unique population and teaching talent. He was preceded in death by his first wife Margie, and second wife Sue Reese Mason. He is survived by three married children from his first marriage, Danny, Pat, and Suzie in Florida, and third wife Enrica "Ketty" Mason in Nottingham, England.



## **Gary D. Schmidt**

**1934 – 2003**

Gary was born and raised in Seattle and served in the USAF as a Russian language specialist in Hokkaido, Japan, and Montauk Point, NY. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1961 with a major in German and taught Social Studies in Federal Way, Washington, before earning an MA in Counseling Psychology from the University of Oregon in 1964. His first assignment in DoDDS was as a counselor and teacher at Bitburg JHS/HS where he sponsored a sports car club and encouraged members to attend the races at the Nurburgring in the Eifel.

Convinced by a couple of rigorous DoDDS administrators that he really did want clout, he returned to the University of Oregon in 1979 to earn his administrative credentials and to go on to administrative positions at Spangdahlem, Regensburg, Grafenwoehr, and Bamberg elementary schools.

Gary retired to the central Oregon coast in 1993 and enjoyed a fully engaged life as a group facilitator for the women's center, president of the Florence Chamber of Commerce, actor and producer in community theater, owner of a used mystery and automotive bookstore, and host to friends and guests from around the world. He died suddenly, but not unexpectedly, of a massive brain hemorrhage a year after brain surgery. He never lost his wickedly delightful sense of humor.

## **Kathleen Wagoner-Sullivan**

**1948 - 2003**

Kathleen was a teacher for talented and gifted youngsters at Lanham Elementary School at NAF Atsugi, Japan from 1990 to 1999 and the educational technologist for the Zama-Atsugi Complex from 1999 to 2000. In August 2000, Kathleen and her husband David transferred to England where she was the Isles District ET. Following a two-year battle with ovarian cancer, she passed away on October 3, 2003.

Kathleen moved to Norman, Oklahoma, in September 2002 to be near her children and grandchildren. Please remember Kathleen as a warm, loving and giving person who gave so much during her years as a DoDDS teacher.

## **Closed funds**

**Marjorie Wells – Ceramic Block**

